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In re Patent Application of

TAKENAKA

Serial No. 10/655,556

Filed: September 5, 2003

For: Manufacturing Method For Semiconductor Substrate,  
Semiconductor Substrate and Semiconductor Device

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Examiner: Hu, S.

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September 14, 2004

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Sir:

**REQUEST FOR REFUND**

A refund is respectfully requested for an improper charge to the undersigned's Deposit Account. A charge totaling \$110.00 appears on the August, 2004 Monthly Statement (copy enclosed) for an extension of time fee (one month - \$110.00). Applicants filed an Election (copy enclosed) on August 17, 2004 responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 15, 2004 which set a time period for response of three (3) months, which made the due date October 15, 2004, to respond (copy of the July 15, 2004 Restriction Requirement is attached). A copy of the postcard receipt is also attached herewith.

It is requested that \$110.00 be refunded to Applicant's undersigned attorney by crediting our deposit account no. 14-1140 under Order No. 900-473. For this purpose a duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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ELECTION UNDER 35 USC §121

In response to the Office Action dated July 15, 2004 holding the subject matter of claims 6-11 to be non-obvious and patentably distinct from that of claims 1-5, Applicant(s) hereby elect the invention of Group II, (upon which claims 1-5 are readable) for further substantive examination.

This election is made without traverse. However, since a restriction requirement is never proper unless the restricted group of claims is patentably distinct (i.e., inter alia, non-obvious under 35 USC §103) from the elected group of claims, the Examiner is requested to insure that such patentable distinctness is present before proceeding to make

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The requirement final.

01 FC:1251 110.00 DA It is respectfully requested that the non-elected claims be retained for use with a possible divisional application.

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